

constitutional amendment on the ballot to require the Judicial Qualification Commission to make known the nature of the complaint against a judge and the Commission's action on the complaint." It is a similar situation a citizen faces when he goes before the courts. It is just exactly what you and I had to do when we go toward the courts. Let me say to you, Senators, I have talked to four different judges on this. They say, "Hey, Senator Von Minden, you have an excellent bill there but not for me. I'll tell on every other judge but don't tell on me." You know there has been only three reprimands in the last three and a half years. I don't know how many people complained. Plus there are reprimands that have never been made known to us. We don't know if they are little frivolous reprimands or what they are. We don't know if they just say to the judge, hey, judge, you shouldn't do this again. And the little thing I illustrated a little while ago has happened and I say to you I'm not doing this just on account of what has happened up in my district. I am saying to you it has happened all over. I'm not going to tell you I received hundreds and hundreds of letters from other people of outstate Nebraska but I have received about six letters. That isn't many but it was six that say they are dissatisfied with the conduct that some of the judges do in their district and they want to see something done. Also I read in the World Herald where there is somebody who is conducting to get on the ballot to elect judges again. Apparently he is not satisfied with the judges or he would not be doing that. In closing, Senators, all my arguments for me are really done in the editorials of the Lincoln Journal, the World Herald, the WOW comments, but the best one is just at the very bottom here of the World Herald, the last paragraph, "Why should judges be shielded if they have done something improper? The disciplinary process should be open to the public." And I think that is absolutely right. I think to keep a good court system, to respect our courts, respect our judges, we have to know what judges are doing. We can't shield judges. I know Judge Krivosha says that judges are put on a much higher standard than ordinary people. Well I'd like to have them just on the standard of me. I would like to know when they do something wrong, suffer the same consequences as I do and I'm sure all the rest of you think